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Field Issues in NED/NER Formulation

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Objective

- To discuss potential issues Districts will encounter in formulating & evaluating combined NED/NER plans
- Opportunity to give input to HQ before new EC 1105-2-xxx
  - HQ will try to address in policy
  - Goal: make the guidance as complete as possible

Background

- **HQ developing an example to illustrate procedures required for NED/NER combination plan**
- **Why? Current ER 1105-2-100 is not too specific…**
  - ***"This plan shall attempt to maximize the sum of net NED and NER benefits, and to offer the best balance between the two objectives."***
  - **Do benefit-cost analysis on NED outputs**
  - **Do CE/ICA on ecosystem outputs**
  - **Do trade-offs between NED & NER to find appropriate balance for recommended plan**

Background

- HQ's guidance & example will…
  - Follow Principles & Guidelines
  - Follow 6-step planning process
  - Formulate for both NED & NER
    - Treat both categories equally
    - Embedded in procedures
  - Include trade-off analysis; the question is, how?
  - Embrace principles of optimization & efficiency

Context of Discussion, Format

- **No presentations today**
- **Assume a “blank slate” – current PGN could change**
- **Focus on *formulation & evaluation* issues**
- **We won’t resolve all issues – make a list**
- **HQ will take issues identified into consideration**
- **Send specific written comments to *Lillian.almodovar@usace.army.mil***

Corps Planning Process: Six Steps